

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES' RETIREMENT BOARD
100 N Park, Rm 201
Helena MT 59620

Board Legislative Committee Minutes
Tuesday, March 24, 2009
1:30 pm

Committee Members: Terry Smith, Chair (via telephone)
John Paull (via telephone)
Dianna Porter (excused)

Staff: Roxanne Minnehan, Melanie Symons, Scott Miller, Kim
Flatow, Ursula Hatfield, Barbara Quinn and Kathy Samson;
MPERA staff.

Other Attendees: No public present

Approval of Legislative Committee Meeting Minutes

The minutes of the open meeting of March 17, 2009 were presented.

Motion: Mr. John Paull moved to approve the minutes of the March 17, 2009 PERB
Legislative Committee Meeting.

Second: Mr. Terry Smith

No public comment.

Vote: 2/0

Public Comment – No public comment.

Executive Director's Report

Board Legislation – Status/Sponsors

HB12 Working Retiree Bill

This bill was heard Monday, March 23 before the Senate State Administration
Committee. Sen. Carolyn Squires made a motion to concur HB12. Sen. Balyeat asked

this motion be withdrawn; he does not like the tax payers bailing out the retirement system. Sen. Squires denied this request. It passed out of committee with a 7/2 vote, Sen. Joe Balyeat and Sen. John Brenden voted nay. Sen. Larry Jent will carry the bill on the Senate floor.

HB109 General Revisions Bill

This bill was heard Monday, March 16 before the Senate State Administration Committee. Sen. Balyeat wants to amend the bill to include the age 65 retirement age. Mr. Smith will send Sen. Balyeat an e-mail asking him to meet with staff. The committee has not taken executive action on the bill.

HB170 Qualification Bill

This bill was heard Tuesday, March 24 before the Senate State Administrative Committee. This bill passed out of committee with a 10/0 vote. Sen. Larry Jent will carry the bill on the Senate floor.

Review of Introduced Bills

House Bills

HB626 – Revise transfer from local police retirement plan to MPORS

This bill was heard Monday, March 23 before the Senate State Administration Committee. This bill passed out of committee with an 8/1 vote. Sen. Debby Barrett will carry the bill.

HB659 (LC2126) – Require examination, recommendations for public pension benefit and plan changes

This bill was passed out of House Appropriations Committee Monday, March 23 with an 18/2 vote. It is scheduled for second reading on the House Floor, Tuesday, March 24.

Senate Bills

SR9 – Confirm certain Governor's appointees

This bill included PERB member Timm Twardoski. Sen. Shockley had requested Mr. Twardoski be isolated in a separate bill. The reason is Sen. Shockley wanted to review the Governor's right to remove a member from a board. After checking into this, Sen. Shockley withdrew this request.

Review List of Un-introduced Bills

An updated listing of introduced and un-introduced retirement bill requests was provided.

LC1137 – Eliminate defined benefit pensions

The draft has been delivered to the requester.

Board Legislative Committee Meeting Schedule

Weekly meetings are scheduled each Tuesday at 1:30 pm through the legislative session at 100 N Park Ave, Helena, MT 59620.

Meeting adjourned 2:00 pm by Mr. Terry Smith, Chairman.